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IUST launches preventive vigilance campaign with lecture series on accountability and integrity

Awantipora, Oct 21: The Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST), through the Office of the Dean Outreach, in collaboration with the Departmental Vigilance Officer (DVO), today launched its Preventive Vigilance Campaign with a three-day lecture series scheduled from October 21 to 23, 2026, on the university campus.

The campaign aims to promote transparency, accountability, ethical leadership and integrity among the university community. It will feature several activities during the month to sensitise stakeholders about ethical governance and responsible institutional practices.

The inaugural session was presided over by Prof. Sheikh Ajaz Bashir, Dean Academic Affairs, IUST, who delivered the inaugural lecture titled '*Leading with Accountability.*' Emphasising the responsibilities of public institutions, Prof. Bashir said, "As members of a public institution, we must remember that we are public servants and we are answerable to the public." He stressed that institutional responsibility must take precedence over personal comfort and urged faculty members to lead by example and embed accountability in the university's everyday functioning.

Welcoming the participants, Dr. Ruheela Hassan, Dean Outreach, IUST, said the campaign seeks to foster a culture of transparency and ethical conduct while reinforcing the collective responsibility to uphold the highest standards of good governance and institutional values.

Mr. Javaid Ahmad Khan, Departmental Vigilance Officer, IUST, said the campaign seeks to sensitise the university community to the importance of transparency and integrity in public life. He added that the university is undertaking a series of activities to engage stakeholders and promote ethical conduct and responsible institutional practices.

Dr. Aijaz Ahmad Shah from the Directorate of IT&SS highlighted the role of digital payments, e-procurement and e-governance in strengthening transparency. He emphasised the need for the appropriate use of technological tools to reduce corruption and improve institutional efficiency.

The inaugural session was attended by the Director, DIQA; Dean of Students; heads of departments; faculty members; administrative officers; students; and university apprentices. The three-day lecture series will feature deliberations on ethical governance, institutional accountability and the role of technology in preventing corruption, engaging faculty members, scholars, students and administrative staff across the university.

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